

2681  
#4  
1-7-04

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10745/10
Serial No. 09/826,671	Filing Date: April 5, 2001	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 2681
Inventor(s) Akira SHIBUTANI			
Title of Invention SLOT ASSIGNMENT ALGORITHM			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in dup.), Form PTO-1449, 4 Cited References and return postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
Total		Minus		
Indep.		Minus		
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				

Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate
x \$9=		x \$18=	
x 43=		x \$86=	
+\$145=		+\$290=	
	Total add'l fee	\$	Total add'l fee

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadashi Horie  
Registration No. 40,437  
Attorney for Applicant  
Customer No. 00757 - Brinks Hofer Gilson Lione

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. BOX 10395  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610  
(312) 321-4200

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 2, 2004.

Date: January 2, 2004 Signature:



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope, with sufficient postage, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

January 2, 2003

Date of Deposit

Tadashi Horie Reg. No. 40,437

Name of Applicant, Assignee or  
Registered Representative

  
Signature

January 2, 2003

Date of Signature

RECEIVED

JAN 06 2004

Technology Center 2600

Our Case No.: 10745/10

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akira SHIBUTANI

Serial No.: 09/826,671

Filing Date: April 5, 2001

For: SLOT ASSIGNMENT ALGORITHM

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 2681

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Prior art references B1-B3 were cited in an Office Action issued in a counterpart Japanese application. Reference B1 is in Japanese. Applicant is submitting reference B4, which is a counterpart PCT application of reference B1. Reference B2 is also in Japanese but includes the original English text. Reference B2 has a counterpart EP application. Applicant is submitting a copy of the face of the counterpart EP application for the Examiner's reference.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

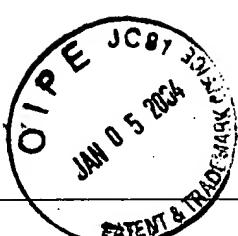
Respectfully submitted,



---

Tadashi Horie  
Registration No. 40,437  
Attorney for Applicant(s)

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. Box 10395  
Chicago, IL 60610  
(312) 321-4200



FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO.	CASE NO.	
PATENT & TRADEMARK		09/826,671	10745/10
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (use several sheets if necessary)		FILING DATE	GROUP ART UNIT 2681
		April 5, 2001	
		APPLICANT(S): Akira SHIBUTANI	

**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**      **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
B					
B					
B					
B					
B					
B					
B					

**RECEIVED**  
JAN 06 2004  
Technology Center 2600

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
B1	JP2003-508992 A	03/04/2003	Japan		Yes
B2	JP2000-059400 A	02/25/2000	Japan		Yes
B3	WO 99/09779 A1	02/25/1999	WIPO		
B4	WO 01/17311 A1	03/08/2001	WIPO		
B					
B					
B					
B					

**EXAMINER  
INITIAL**      **OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)

B	
B	
B	
B	
B	
B	

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.